

Iowa Department of Education
Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs for Four-Year-Old Children

Grant application awards will be contingent upon the SFY 2010 legislative appropriation. Additional applicant requirements may be added if legislatively mandated.

Timeline for District Applications Year 3 (2009-2010)	Dates
Year 3 (2009) Revised Application Packet and Technical Assistance Guidance Manual available on Department website: http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/940/1016/ (Additional application requirements may be added if legislatively mandated. Applicants who file a Letter of Intent will be notified of any changes to the application.)	February 6, 2009
Statewide ICN to review application process (sessions repeated). Reserved ICN sites will be listed in the January School Leader Update and/or at the Department website: http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/940/1016/	February 9, 2009, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. February 13, 2009, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Letter of Intent to apply for funding due, but not required; see form available in the application.	March 9, 2009
Courtesy formatting review will be conducted for applications that are postmarked by March 19, 2009.	March 19, 2009
Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 2009, or delivered in person by 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 2009 to: Susan White Bureau of Early Childhood Services Iowa Department of Education Third Floor Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, IA 50319	March 30, 2009, by 4:30 p.m.
Committee reads district applications.	April 22-23, 2009
Department determination and notification of applicant awards.	May 14, 2009 - Tentative
Preschool Program Orientation Meeting for those applicants awarded grant funding for 2009-2010 Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs for Four-Year-Old Children (required attendance; 4-6 team members).	June 9, 2009 – Tentative
Preschool Grant Enrollment Count	September 4, 2009
Contracts issued	October 2009
Districts begin preschool programs (<i>to assure Certified Enrollment Count</i>).	Beginning of school year (no later than Thursday, October 1, 2009)